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DCR, Mass Fisheries and Wildlife Offer “Becoming an Outdoors Family” Camping Program at Myles Standish State Forest

CARVER – Tuesday, June 30, 2015 – Today, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) announced the “Becoming an Outdoors Family” Camping Program. The program, which will be offered the weekend of July 18th and 19th, will provide families with the opportunity to learn basic camping skills and then put those skills to use while camping overnight at Myles Standish State Reservation in Carver, MA.

“My children grew up hiking, swimming and fishing in our local state parks and I’m so pleased to join with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to offer other Massachusetts families the same opportunities this summer,” **said DCR Commissioner Carol Sanchez**. “The Department of Conservation and Recreation is proud to offer hundreds of family friendly events this summer for all families in the Commonwealth to enjoy.”

Families will have the opportunity to participate in guided activities including:

- How to pitch a tent;
- Safely building and extinguishing a campfire;
- Live animal programs;
- Nature hikes; and
- How to catch a fish.

“The “Becoming an Outdoors Family” Camping program is specifically designed for families who are new to camping and are looking for some guidance.” **said Jack Buckley, Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**. “It’s a terrific opportunity to try some new skills and activities for future family adventures in the great outdoors.”

Camp-out participants will utilize campsites within the Myles Standish State Reservation’s forest, near Barretts Pond. Check in for campers will be between 10:00AM-11:00AM on Saturday, July 18th, and the cost of the event is \$30 per family. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis with a preference to people who are new to the program. To learn more about the “Becoming an Outdoors Family” Camping Program, participants can visit the program’s [webpage](#) for registration forms or to find additional information.

Earlier this month, Governor Baker signed a proclamation officially recognizing June as “Great Outdoors Month.” With over 450,000 acres of public land, including parks, forests, camping facilities, hiking trails, and beaches, DCR offers a wide range of programs for people of all abilities to enjoy the great outdoors in many different ways. To read about some of the many different programs offered by DCR, please visit the agency’s programs [webpage](#).

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